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MBFR NEGOTIATIONS

FROM US REP MBFR

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SUBJECT: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR SPC EXPERTS
MEETING

REF: (A) MBFR VIENNA 0277 (B) STATE 135536

1. DELEGATION BELIEVES TWO QUESTIONS IN ADDITION TO
THOSE TRANSMITTED REF (A) ARE LIKELY TO ARISE DURING THE
SPC EXPERTS MEETINGS ON OPTION III ON 23 AND 24 JUNE.
WE HAVE PREPARED DRAFT ANSWERS FOR THESE QUESTIONS. REQUEST
WASHINGTON REVIEW AND PROVISION OF ANSWERS PREFERABLY BY
20 JUNE AND IN ANY EVENT PRIOR TO THE EXPERTS MEETING.
QUESTIONS ARE NUMBERED SEQUENTIALLY WITH THOSE IN REF (A).

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23. WHEN DOES THE US WANT OR ANTICIPATE THAT CONSULTATION BE COMPLETED? WHAT DOES US WISH NAC TO ACCOMPLISH BEFORE ITS SUMMER RECESS?

ANSWER: THE ISSUE OF TIME TO PRESENT OPTION III TO THE EAST SHOULD BE DEFERRED FOR LATER DECISION BY NATO. IF THIS IS DONE, IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR SPC TO COMPLETE ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO NAC ON REMAINING ISSUES PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF NAC'S SUMMER RECESS.

24. WHEN DO YOU WANT TO BE IN A POSITION TO TABLE OPTION 3 WITH THE EAST? YOUR PAPER SAYS AT AN EARLY DATE. WHAT DO YOU HAVE IN MIND?

ANSWER: WE BELIEVE THAT NATO SHOULD BE IN A POSITION TO PRESENT OPTION 3 TO THE EAST AT THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT ROUND -- THAT IS, IN SEPTEMBER -- IN THE EVENT THAT WHEN NATO CONSIDERS THE ISSUE OF TIMING IT DECIDES THAT IS THE RIGHT TIME. RESOR

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